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Town Reports

1975

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Francestown, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1975

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TOWN OFFICERS — 1975

Moderator: — Harold Varnum

Town Clerk: — Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: — Herman C. Miller

Selectmen: — R. Franklin Mace, O. Alan Thulander,
John R. Schott

Tax Collector: — Elizabeth M. Behrsing

Supervisors of Check List: — Israel Vadney, Jr., Nellie
Abbott, Doris Bassett

Road Agent: — Robert Foote

Overseer of Public Welfare: — R. Franklin Mace

Trustees of Trust Funds: —

Clifton F. Foote	Expires 1976
F. Russell Abbott	Expires 1977
Charles J. Brien	Expires 1978

Firewards: — Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence Kullgren,
Richard Leavitt, Norman Stewart, Charles J. Brien

Library Trustees: —

Constance Dodge	Expires 1976
Elizabeth Wiederhold	Expires 1977
Lois MacAdam	Expires 1978

Cemetery Commissioners: —

Kris Stewart	Expires 1976
Constance Bicknell	Expires 1977
Lois Leavitt	Expires 1978

Planning Board: —

Ernest Poore	Expires 1976
Royal Cleaves	Expires 1977
Blake Tewksbury	Expires 1978
Philip Ireland	Expires 1979
Robert Cloutier, Chmn.	Expires 1980
H. Bartlett Hardwick	
R. Franklin Mace, Ex-officio	

Board of Adjustment: —

R. Russell Abbott	Expires 1976
Donald Pettee	Expires 1977
Harold Varnum, Chmn.	Expires 1978
Clifton Foote	Expires 1979
John L. Arnold	Expires 1980

Building Inspector: — William Mitchell

Health Officer: — Jeannette Settele, R.N.

Board of Highway Safety: — Donald Hoyt, Norman Muzzey,
John Thomas, O. Alan Thulander, Louis Wiederhold

Police Officers: — John Thomas, Chief; Peter Flood,
Roy Borden, Lawrence Kullgren

Conservation Commission: —

Priscilla Kunhardt	Expires 1976
Donough Prince	Expires 1976
Frank Mace	Expires 1977
Liesel Gilman	Expires 1977
Ashley Prest	Expires 1977
Eleanor Kiblin	Expires 1978
James O'Mahoney	Expires 1978

Historian: — Constance Dodge

Civil Defense: — Charles J. Brien

Ballot Inspectors: — Winifred Hoyt, Shirley Jones,
C. Gladys St. John, Bernice Miller (replacing Gladys
Vadney, deceased)

Re-cycling Board: — Constance Bicknell, Lucille Paige,
James Gibbons

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976
or for the Fiscal Year January 1, 1975 to January 1, 1976**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1976
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,299.00	\$ 2,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,600.00	4,632.00	5,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00	243.00	450.00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000.00	2,434.00	2,000.00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,000.00	1,321.00	1,500.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	6,900.00	8,104.00	7,200.00
Fire Department	3,830.00	3,889.00	4,180.00
Care of Trees	150.00	50.00	374.00
Insurance	3,950.00	4,132.00	4,475.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	271.00	300.00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,000.00	1,160.00	1,500.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals, Ambulance, Art. 17 & 18)			
Vital Statistics	15.00	12.00	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,500.00	1,450.00	3,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance — Summer, Winter and Gas Subsidy	66,000.00	71,054.00	63,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00	1,310.00	1,400.00
General Expenses of Hgwy. Dept.	4,500.00	5,129.00	6,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,175.00	1,175.00	1,161.00
Libraries	7,862.00	8,237.00	9,649.00
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	900.00	215.00	200.00
Conservation	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	577.00	577.00	
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes and Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00
Interest — Long Term Notes and Bonds	1,117.00	1,125.00	827.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,200.00	1,688.00	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$120,531.00	\$129,941.00	\$124,466.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1976
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$39,000.00	\$41,697.00	\$41,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,600.00	1,771.00	1,700.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,200.00	4,471.00	4,500.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	22,349.00	22,349.00	18,952.00
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,300.00	2,444.00	2,400.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	490.00	483.00	475.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	50.00	411.00	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,000.00	13,077.00	15,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,200.00	1,623.00	1,200.00
Resident Taxes Retained	4,000.00	3,460.00	3,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,200.00	1,961.00	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property	100.00	5.00	100.00
Income from Departments		135.00	100.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	2,000.00	6,103.00	4,490.00
Total Revenue from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$90,489.00	\$99,990.00	\$95,817.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$90,489.00	\$99,990.00	\$95,817.00

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of FRANCESTOWN in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Francestown on the second day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year coming.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any action relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to apply \$8,210.00 from Revenue Sharing to repair the Woodward Hill Bridge and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$2,090.00 for the same purpose, or take any other action thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,167.18 plus accrued interest from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the Town Hall roof or take any other action thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,854.00 as the balance due on repairs to the Town Hall roof, or take any other action thereto.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks, or take any other action relating thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department Radio Equipment, or take any other action relating thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to establish a Trust Fund for the purchase of land for a future library building or for the construction of an extension to the present Town Library Building, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will allocate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) from the unexpended funds voted in Article No. 16 of the 1974 Town Warrant to repair and improve the exterior roof drainage along the main entrance to the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town reappraised by Department of Revenue Administration. Financing of the program to be decided at the March 1977 Town Meeting, or take any other action thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$937.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to approve improvement to the facade of the Fire House, all costs to be borne by the Francestown Improvement Society and the Francestown Bicentennial Committee, or take any other action thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Family Mental Health Services, or take any other action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to make repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street, or take any action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of the Police Department cruiser, or take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$477.00 for membership in The Monadnock Region Association, or take any other action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to sell the surplus benches and old school desks in the Town Hall, the sum received to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase furniture and furnishings for the Town Hall, or take any other action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for dust control on dirt roads in the summer, or take any other action thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to install a drainage system in the annex of Cemetery No. 3 to alleviate the water problem or take any other action relating thereto.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Articles to be voted by ballot:

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance adopted March, 1951.

Add new sub-paragraph No. 10 to Article 5A, Chapter II, Paragraph B Special Exemptions.

22 — 10. Before commercial mining, excavation, or removal of soil, rock, sand, gravel, loam or similar earth materials, in excess of 500 cubic yards per calendar year, a Special exception must be received from the Board of Adjustment subject to the usual fee permit. Removal and processing operations shall not be conducted closer than two hundred (200') feet to the centerline of a State Road, a Town Road, a road right of way, or a road right of way in an approved subdivision or to any property line or lot line. Delineation of the proposed removal area(s) and other pertinent information shall be noted on a site plan filed with the Board of Adjustment and the Selectmen at the time of application. If required by the Board of Adjustment as a condition of the issuance of a Special Exception, sufficient grading, covering with top soil, seeding with suitable cover crop (except when ledge rock is exposed) will be performed when removal of material is completed. The Board of Adjustment may require the posting of a bond with the Town Treasurer to insure compliance.

23 — RSA 72:62 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system, which exemption shall be in an amount of \$50.00?

Given under our hands and seal, this second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

R. FRANKLIN MACE
O. ALAN THULANDER
JOHN R. SCHOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

A true Copy of Warrant — Attest:

R. FRANKLIN MACE
O. ALAN THULANDER
JOHN R. SCHOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

March 4, 1975

Article 1. Town Officers Elected:

Town Clerk: Herman C. Miller
Town Treasurer: Herman C. Miller
Selectman for 3 years: John R. Schott
Highway Agent: Robert M. Foote
Library Trustee for 3 years: Lois S. MacAdam
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Charles J. Brien
Tax Collector for 3 years: Elizabeth M. Behrsing
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years: Lois M. Leavitt
Firewards: Charles J. Brien, Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence
R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman C. Muzzey
Overseer of Public Welfare: R. Franklin Mace

Article 2. Budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	250 00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000 00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,000 00
Police Department	6,900 00
Fire Department	3,830 00
Care of Trees	150 00
Insurance	3,950 00
Planning & Zoning	300 00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,000 00
Ambulance	755 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,500 00
Town Highway Maintenance —	
Summer & Winter	66,000 00
Street Lighting	1,000 00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	4,500 00
Town Road Aid	1,175 00
Libraries	7,862 00
Old Age Assistance	900 00

Conservation Commission	150 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	577 00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	7,000 00
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	1,117 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,200 00
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	\$120,531 00

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks.

Article 5. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$288.50) to reimburse the Volunteer Fire Company for the purchase of the new Encoder which had to be installed in 1974.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360.00) to be spent for protective clothing for volunteer firemen.

Article 8. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 9. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 10. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to pay the Town's portion of the operating cost of the Bennington Dump as specified in the Bennington-Antrim-Francetown dump contract and authorize the Selectmen to instruct owners and operators of commercial establishments, apartment complexes and other similar producers of large amounts of trash and commercial carriers of trash to deliver the refuse **only** to the Bennington Land-fill site in accordance with the provisions of the Town's contract with Bennington and Antrim.

Article 12. Voted to re-open and maintain the so-called Campbell Hill Road commencing at one hundred feet beyond the property of Donald and Linda Abbott and extending to one hundred feet beyond the property of Arthur Buzzell.

Article 13. Voted to apply any remaining funds appropriated and unexpended to the repairs of the Bixby Dam to the removal of brush and trees below the dam and the improvement and increased safety of Town property immediately surrounding the dam site, any remaining balance to be turned over to the Conservation Committee for use at the Town Forest.

Article 14. Voted to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus interest from Capital Reserve Fund, New Cemetery Sales. Said sum to be used to establish Lawrence Kullgren Cemetery Fund.

Article 15. Voted to accept the following individual Trust Funds:

A. For perpetual care of cemetery lots in the respective names of Everett D. Phillips, Archibald Cullens, The Lord Family and Esther Whittemore.

B. Charles and Marion Vose Library Fund.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 by allocating a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 of funds already received or expected to be received from Revenue Sharing; \$2,000.00 from unexpended 1974 appropriation; \$4,500.00 to be raised and appropriated to effect repairs to the exterior of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library as recommended by a recent engineering survey and to erect a fire escape.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$802.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurses Association, Inc.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$365.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Family Mental Health Services.

Article 19. Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of

Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the future replacement of the Police Department cruiser.

Article 21. Voted that there will be no fees charged a resident or non-resident taxpayer of Francestown for any purpose other than rental of Town Buildings or Town Equipment unless such a fee has been established and approved by a legal Town Meeting, or such fee is specifically allowed by New Hampshire General Statutes, this article to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town.

Article 22. Voted that the Town reimburse all who have paid the fee charged by the selectmen for the Town permit for dump and beach use. When they request such reimbursement from the Town Treasurer, and that said permits will be furnished at no charge to all resident and non-resident taxpayers of the Town of Francestown until this article is rescinded by vote of the Town.

Article 23. Voted to grant site plan review authority to the Planning Board in accordance with RSA 36:19a. This will provide the Town with an opportunity to review and approve or disapprove plans for non-residential development.

Article 24. Voted that the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility applications and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration, such information includes the following resolutions (summarized):

Resolution A:

The Community recognizes that there are flood areas in the community; that federally subsidized flood insurance is available; that Town Meeting intends to evaluate land use in these areas; and that Town Meeting has the authority to enact appropriate land use control measures.

The Town Meeting resolves that assurances be given to the Federal Insurance Administration that the community will enact and enforce necessary land use control measures; that municipal officials and boards will be authorized to deal with the appropriate governmental agencies and

private firms; and that elevations of buildings will be recorded when required.

Resolution B.-1:

The community recognizes that regulations governing building construction in flood hazard areas have been enacted and are enforced.

The Town Meeting recommends that the Planning Board require all proposals for their approval that are in flood hazard areas be designed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and that the Planning Board require new or replacement water supply-sewage disposal systems to be designed to eliminate or minimize flood damage.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Priscilla H. Kunhardt has served as Trustee of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library from 1958 through 1975, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kunhardt has generously devoted her energies and talents to broadening the scope of service of the library to the community,

Therefore be it RESOLVED that:

The Town of Francestown hereby express its grateful appreciation to Mrs. Kunhardt for her outstanding service, and be it further RESOLVED that,

a copy of this RESOLUTION be forwarded to Mrs. Kunhardt and recorded in the records of the Town of Francestown.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1975

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 32,000 00
Furniture & Equipment	2,200 00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	21,500 00
Furniture & Equipment	35,000 00
Police Dept, Lands & Buildings	15,000 00
Equipment	9,000 00
Fire Dept., Lands & Buildings	15,500 00
Equipment	40,000 00
Highway Dept., Lands & Buildings	6,000 00
Equipment	30,000 00
Materials & Supplies	300 00
All other Property & Equipment:	
Bixby Dam Property	3,000 00
Town Forest	2,800 00
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Total	\$212,300 00

Tax Year 1975
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
 Town of Francestown in Hillsborough County

Land — Improved & Unimproved	\$3,184,243
Buildings	5,617,896
Factory Buildings	1,200
Public Water Utility	5,000
Public Utilities — Electric	160,000
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers	13,000
Boats & Launches (5)	700

Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	\$8,982,039
Elderly Exemptions (11)	\$21,450
Total Exemptions Allowed	----- \$ 21,450
Net Valuation on which	-----
Tax Rate is Computed	\$8,960,589

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. FANKLIN MACE

O. ALAN THULANDER

JOHN R. SCHOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

September 18, 1975

Itemization of Qualifying Current Use, Acreages & Assessments

	A	B	C
Land Categories	No. of Acres	Assessed Value RSA 75:1	Current Use Value Chapter 372 Laws of 1973
Permanent Pasture	12	\$ 2,050	\$ 468
Forest Lands	1,531.4	223,660	20,906
Wild Lands	11	1,100	43
Wetlands	224	29,850	874
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Totals	1,778.4	\$256,660	\$22,291

Total of all land valuation, improved and unimproved land (RSA 75:1), before application of Current Use	\$3,418,612
Total of Column B minus Column C	234,369
Line 1 of Summary Inventory of Valuation	3,184,243

	Owners	Acres
Number of Property Owners who applied for Current Use in 1975 and the aggregate total number of acres for which application was made	20	2,008.2
Number of Property Owners who were granted Current Use Exemption in 1975 and total number of acres exempted	17	1,778.4

Homeowners Exemptions

	Valuation Exempted
Age 65 and over (11)	\$21,450
Under 65 years of age (0)	0
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Total Valuation Exempted	\$21,450

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	250 00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,000 00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,000 00
Police Department	6,900 00
Fire Department	3,830 00
Care of Trees	150 00
Insurance	3,950 00
Planning & Zoning	300 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	1,000 00
Health Department	755 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	1,500 00
Town Maint. — Summer & Winter	66,000 00
Street Lighting	1,000 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	4,500 00
Town Road Aid	1,175 00
Libraries	7,862 00
Old Age Assistance	900 00
Cemeteries	300 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	577 00
Principal — Long Term Notes	7,000 00
Interest — Long Term Notes	1,117 00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,200 00
Capital Outlay:	
Art. No. 6, \$288.50; Art. No. 7, \$360.00;	
Art. No. 11, \$1,500.00; Art. No. 16, \$8,000;	
Art. No. 17, \$802.00; Art. No. 18, \$365.00	11,315 50
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:	
Art. No. 20, \$300.00; Art. No. 4, \$1,000	1,300 00
Conservation	150 00
Total Town Appropriations	\$133,146 50

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits	
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 41,696 77
Savings Bank Tax	1,771 21
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,470 86
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,800 00
Interest Received on Taxes	1,800 00
Interest Received on Deposits	100 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	125 00
Dog Licenses	490 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,600 00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	100 00
Resident Taxes	4,350 00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	3,500 00
Highway Subsidy	14,179 09
Duncan Fund	8,170 14
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Total Revenues & Credits	\$ 94,153 07
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 38,993 43
Net School Appropriations	216,958 62
County Tax Assessment	24,839 47
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Total of Town, School & County	\$280,791 52
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.	2,444 00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	3,700 00
Add: Overlay	4,691 33
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Property Taxes to be Raised	\$286,738 85
War Service Tax Credits:	
Number of qualified persons	74
Limit	\$50
Estimated Tax Credits	\$3,700
Resident Taxes:	
Tax	\$10
Number Assessed	435
Total Amount Assessed	\$4,350

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Concord, 03301

January 20, 1976

Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975, which was made by the Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk to be retained as part of the permanent Town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Elizabeth M. Behrsing, Tax Collector for the period from March 5, 1975 to December 31, 1975, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Cemetery Treasurer, Fire Department, Conservation Commission and Trustees of Trust Funds. The accounts of Catherine H. Abbott, Tax Collector for the period January 1, 1975 to March 4, 1975 were examined earlier and a report submitted to your Board under date of March 10, 1975.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets – December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative balance sheets – general fund – as of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Current Surplus of the

Town decreased by \$3,409, from \$14,725 to \$11,316, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition:
(Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

<i>Decrease in Current Surplus:</i>	
Net Budget Deficit (Exhibit A-4)	\$2,995
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	414
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	\$3,409

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures – Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibit A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$5,336, less a revenue surplus of \$2,341, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,995.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets – December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975: (Exhibit A-5)

Comparative Balance Sheets of the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975, are contained in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, matured long-term notes of \$7,000 were paid during the year. Long-term notes outstanding at the close of the year amounted to \$21,000.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of

principal and interest as of December 31, 1975, is presented in Exhibit A-6.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1.

Revenue Sharing Funds: (Exhibit B-2)

A statement of Revenue Sharing Fund receipts, expenditures, encumbrances and fund balance is contained in Exhibit B-2. As stated therein, there is an unappropriated fund balance of \$3,720 as of December 31, 1975.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of

Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francetown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director
Division of Municipal Services
Department of Revenue Administration

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francetown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Francetown at December 31, 1975, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director
Division of Municipal Services
Department of Revenue Administration

EXHIBIT A-1 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975

ASSETS			
Cash:			
	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1975	
In Hands of Treasurer	\$72,030	\$87,032	
In Hands of Tax Collector	25	50	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	\$ 72,055	\$ 87,082	
Long Term Notes			
Authorized — Unissued:			
Purchase of Vested Interest			
in Disposal Site			
(Article 8-a — 1974)	3,000	3,000	
Capital Reserve Funds			
(Exhibit G)	12,022	13,976	
Accounts Due to Town:			
From Federal Government:			
Manpower Training			
Program		350	
Other	414		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	414	350	
Unredeemed Taxes			
(Exhibit C-2)		3,741	
Uncollected Taxes			
(Exhibit C-1)	45,731	48,808	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Total Assets	\$133,222	\$156,957	
Liabilities and Current Surplus			
	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1975	
Bills Outstanding	\$ 147	\$ 147	
Special Appropriations Forwarded:			
Library Improvements:			
(Article 22, 1974)	\$1,897	\$	
(Article 5, 1974)	790		
(Article 16, 1975)		4,551	
Bixby Pond Dam	691	141	
Operation of Bennington Dump		1,500	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	3,378	6,192	

Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue		
Appropriations (Article 8-a)	3,000	3,000
Unappropriated Revenue		
Sharing Funds	845	3,720
Yield Tax Security Deposit	47	47
Due to State of New Hampshire:		
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes:		
Collected — Not Remitted	380	326
Property Tax Overpayments To Be		
Refunded		50
Capital Reserve Funds	12,022	13,976
School District Tax Payable	98,678	118,183
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Total Liabilities	\$118,497	\$145,641
Current Surplus	14,725	11,316
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Total Liabilities		
and Current Surplus	\$133,222	\$156,957

EXHIBIT A-2 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

General Fund Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Current Surplus — December 31, 1974	\$14,725	
Current Surplus — December 31, 1975	11,316	
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Decrease in Current Surplus		\$3,409

Analysis of Change		
Decreases in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Deficit (Exhibit A-4)	\$2,995	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	414	
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Decrease in Current Surplus		\$3,409

EXHIBIT A-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1974	Appropriations 1975	Receipts and Reimburse- ments	Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures 1975	Unex- pend- ed	Balances Over- drafts	Assets and Approp. Forwarded To 1976
General Government:								
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 2,500	\$	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,299	\$ 201	\$	\$
Town Officers' Expenses		3,600		3,600	4,632		1,032	
Election & Registration Expenses		250		250	243	7		
Town Hall and								
Buildings Maintenance		2,000		2,000	2,434		434	
Manpower Training Program			1,018	1,018	1,368			(350)
Protection of Persons and Property:								
Police Department		6,900		6,900	8,104		1,204	
Fire Department, including								
Forest Fires		3,830	29	3,859	3,889		30	
Blister Rust & Care of Trees		150		150	50	100		
Planning and Zoning		300		300	271	29		

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1974	Appropriations 1975	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1975	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts	Assets and Appropriations Forwarded To 1976
Insurance		3,950		3,950	4,132		182	
Conservation Commission		150		150	150			
Health and Sanitation:								
Health Department, including								
Hospitals		755		755	817		62	
Vital Statistics		15		15	12	3		
Town Dump and								
Garbage Collection		1,500		1,500	1,450	50		
Visiting Nurse Association		802		802	802			
Monadnock Family Mental								
Health Service		365		365	365			
Highways and Bridges:								
Town Road Aid		1,175		1,175	1,175			
Town Maintenance		66,000		66,000	71,054		5,054	
Street Lighting		1,000		1,000	1,310		310	
General Expenses of Highway								
Department		4,500		4,500	5,129		629	
Libraries								
		7,862	480	8,342	8,237	105		
Public Welfare:								
Old Age Assistance		900		900	215	685		

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1974	Appropriations 1975	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1975	Unexpended Balances	Assets and Appropriations Forwarded To 1976
Public Service Enterprises:							
Cemeteries		300		300	300		
Unclassified:							
Damages and Legal Expenses		1,000		1,000	1,160	.160	
Advertising and Regional Associations		577		577	577		
Employees' Retirement and Social Security		1,000		1,000	1,321	321	
Debt Service:							
Interest on Debt:							
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes		2,200		2,200	1,688	512	
Paid on Long-Term Notes		1,117		1,117	1,125	8	
Principal of Debt:							
Payments on Long-Term Notes		7,000		7,000	7,000		
Capital Outlay:							
Land and Buildings:							
Operation of Bennington Dump		1,500		1,500			1,500
Library Improvements							
(Article 16, 1975)		8,000	2,687	10,687	6,136		4,551
Library Improvements							
(Article 22, 1974)			(1,897)				
	1,897						

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1974	Appropriations 1975	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expended Since 1975	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Assets and Liabilities Appropriated To 1976
Library Improvements (Article 5, 1974)	790		(790)					
Hixby Pond Dam (Article 4, 1974)	691			691	550			141
New Equipment: New Encoder		289		289	289			
Protective Clothing - Fire Department		360		360	360			
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds		1,300		1,300	1,300			
Totals a-c Town Appropriations	\$ 3,378	\$ 133,147	\$ 1,527	\$ 138,052	\$ 139,944	\$ 1,692	\$ 9,426	(350) \$ 6,192
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:								
County Tax		24,839		24,839	24,839			
School District Tax	98,678	216,959		315,637	197,454			118,183
Overlay (Discounts, Abatements and Refunds)		4,691		4,691	2,293	2,398		
	\$ 102,056	\$ 370,636	\$ 1,527	\$ 483,219	\$ 364,530	\$ 4,090	\$ 9,426	(350) \$ 124,375

EXHIBIT A-4 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

General Fund Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

SOURCE	Revenues			
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Taxes:				
Current Year:				
Property Taxes	\$283,039	\$284,109	\$1,070	\$
Resident Taxes	4,350	4,190		160
Yield Taxes	1,800	1,635		165
Prior Years:				
Resident Taxes		120	120	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,800	1,547		253
Penalties on Delinquent Resident Taxes		76	76	
State of New Hampshire:				
Highway Subsidy	14,179	14,179		
Interest and Dividends Tax	41,697	41,697		
Savings Bank Tax	1,771	1,771		
Meals and Rooms Tax	4,471	4,471		
Business Profits Tax	2,444	2,444		
Class V Highway Maintenance	8,170	8,170		
Federal Government:				
Revenue Sharing Funds	3,500	3,500		
Local Sources, Except Taxes:				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,600	13,050	1,450	
Dog Licenses	490	483		7
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	125	387	262	
Rent of Town Property	100	5		95
Interest Received on Deposits	100			100
Sale of Town Property		10	10	
Income From Departments		106	106	
Reimbursements — Prior Years' Expense		27	27	
	\$379,636	\$381,977	\$3,121	\$ 780

Budget Summary

Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$ 9,426	
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	4,090	
Net Overdraft of Appropriations	<u> </u>	\$5,336
Actual Revenues	\$381,977	
Estimated Revenues	379,636	
Revenue Surplus	<u> </u>	2,341
Net Budget Deficit		<u> </u> \$2,995

EXHIBIT A-5 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Long-Term Indebtedness Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975

ASSETS

	Dec. 31, 1974	Dec. 31, 1975
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Debt	\$28,000	\$21,000

LIABILITIES

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

3% Town Hall Improvement Notes — 1962	\$ 1,000	\$
3¾% New Equipment Notes — 1971	15,000	13,000
4% Tax Map Notes — 1972	6,000	4,000
5¼% Disposal Site Notes — 1974	6,000	4,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities	\$28,000	\$21,000

EXHIBIT A-6
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Long Term Indebtedness
Statement of Debt Service Requirements
As of December 31, 1975

Amount of Orig. Issue Date of Orig. Issue Principal Payable Date Interest Payable Dates Payable at	New Equipment Notes 3¾%		Tax Map Notes 4%	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending				
December 31, 1976	\$ 2,000	\$ 457		
December 31, 1977	2,000	380	\$2,000	\$160
December 31, 1978	2,000	304	2,000	80
December 31, 1979	2,000	228		
December 31, 1980	2,000	152		
December 31, 1981	2,000	76		
December 31, 1982	1,000	19		
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$13,000	\$1,616	\$4,000	\$240

\$21,000.00
 March 15, 1971
 March 15
 March 15 & Sept. 15
 Souhegan Nat'l Bank,
 Milford, N. H.

\$10,500.00
 September 26, 1972
 September 26
 March 26 & Sept. 26
 Souhegan Nat'l Bank,
 Milford, N. H.

Disposal Site Notes
5¼%

Amount of Orig. Issue
Date of Orig. Issue
Principal Payable Date
Interest Payable Dates
Payable at

Maturities -- Fiscal Year Ending

\$6,000
December 24, 1974
December 24
June 24 and December 24
Souhegan National Bank
Milford, New Hampshire

	Principal	Interest
	\$ 6,000	\$ 827
	6,000	565
	2,000	304
	2,000	228
	2,000	152
	2,000	76
	1,000	19
	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$2,171</u>

	Principal	Interest
	\$2,000	\$210
	2,000	105
	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$315</u>

EXHIBIT B-1 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

General Fund Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Receipts			
Current Revenue:			
From Local Taxes:			
Current Year:			
Property Taxes	\$235,156		
Resident Taxes	3,460		
Yield Taxes	1,961		
			\$240,577
Prior Years:			
Property Taxes	\$ 44,823		
Resident Taxes	510		
			45,333
Tax Sales Redeemed			1,055
Interest on Delinquent Taxes			1,547
Resident Tax Penalties			76
			\$288,588
From State of New Hampshire:			
Highways and Bridges:			
Class V Highway Maintenance		\$ 8,170	
Highway Subsidy		14,179	
Interest and Dividends Tax		41,697	
Savings Bank Tax		1,771	
Meals and Rooms Tax		4,471	
Business Profits Tax		2,444	
Fighting Forest Fires		29	
			72,761
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 13,077	
Dog Licenses		483	
Business Licenses, Permits and			
Filing Fees		411	
Rent of Town Property		5	
Income From Departments:			
Police Department		43	
Ambulance		63	
			14,082
Total Current Revenue Receipts			\$375,431

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$	60,000
New Trust Funds		150
Sale of Town Property		10
Yield Tax Security Deposits		510
Reimbursement of Prior Years' Expense		27
Grants From U. S. A.:		
Revenue Sharing		6,103
Interest on Investments of Revenue		
Sharing Funds		272
Manpower Training Program		1,018
Refunds: (Appropriation Credits)		
Con-Val Plowing Reimbursements	\$	151
Libraries		480
		<hr/> 631
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		\$ 68,721
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$444,152
Balance — January 1, 1975		72,030
		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$516,182

Expenditures

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	2,299
Town Officers' Expenses		4,632
Election and Registration Expenses		243
Town Hall and Building Maintenance		2,434
Manpower Training Program		1,368
		<hr/> \$ 10,976

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$	8,104
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires		3,889
Blister Rust and Care of Trees		50
Planning and Zoning		271
Insurance		4,132
Conservation Commission		150
		<hr/> 16,596

Health and Sanitation:

Health Department, Including Hospitals	\$	817
Vital Statistics		12
Town Dump and Garbage Collection		1,450
Visiting Nurse		802
Monadnock Family Mental Health Service		365
		<hr/> \$ 3,446

Highways and Bridges:			
Town Road Aid	\$	1,175	
Town Maintenance		71,054	
Street Lighting		1,310	
General Expenses of Highway Department		5,129	
		<hr/>	78,668
Libraries			8,237
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance			215
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries			300
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	\$	1,160	
Advertising and Regional Associations		577	
Taxes Bought by Town		4,771	
Employees Retirement and Social Security		1,321	
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)		150	
Yield Tax Security Deposit Refunded		510	
Petty Cash Fund — Tax Collector		50	
Con-Val Plowing		151	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds:			
Property Tax Overpayments			
Refunded	\$	99	
Property Taxes Abated		751	
Dump Permits Refunded		24	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees			
Refunded		27	
		<hr/>	901
		<hr/>	9,591
Debt Service:			
Interest on Debt:			
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$	1,688	
Paid on Long Term Notes		1,125	
Principal of Debt:			
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes		60,000	
Payments on Long Term Notes		7,000	
		<hr/>	\$ 69,813

Capital Outlay:		
Land and Buildings :		
Bixby Pond Dam	\$ 550	
Library Improvements	6,136	
New Equipment:		
Protective Clothing — Fire		
Department	360	
New Encoder	289	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	1,300	
	<hr/>	8,635
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State of New Hampshire:		
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	\$ 380	
County Taxes	24,839	
School District Tax:		
1974-75 Assessment	\$ 98,678	
1975-76 Assessment	98,776	
	<hr/>	197,454
	<hr/>	222,673
Total Expenditures for All Purposes		\$429,150
Balance — December 31, 1975		87,032
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Grand Total		\$516,182

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Revenue Sharing Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances
and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Available Funds — January 1, 1975		\$	845
Add Revenue:			
Entitlement Payments	\$ 6,103		
Interest	272		
	<hr/>		6,375
		\$	7,220
Less Expenditures:			
Library Improvements			3,500
			<hr/>
Available Funds — December 31, 1975		\$	3,720

**EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

Elizabeth M. Behrsing — Tax Collector

**Summary of Warrants
Period March 5, 1975 thru December 31, 1975**

— DR. —

	Levies of:	
	1975	1974
Uncollected Taxes — March 5, 1975:		
Property Taxes	\$	\$34,330
Resident Taxes		480
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	283,395	
Resident Taxes	3,910	
Yield Taxes	1,961	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	714	
Resident Taxes	280	100
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	89	1,321
Penalties Collected on Delinquent Resident Taxes	26	33
Overpayments Refunded:		
a-c Property Taxes	99	
Overpayments To Be Refunded:		
a-c Property Taxes	50	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$290,524	\$36,264

— CR. —

	Levies of:	
	1975	1974
Remittances To Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$235,156	\$34,330
Resident Taxes	3,460	330
Yield Taxes	1,961	
Interest	89	1,321
Resident Tax Penalties	26	33
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes	884	
Resident Taxes	140	250

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	48,218	
Resident Taxes	590	
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	\$290,524	\$36,264

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Elizabeth M. Behrsing — Tax Collector

Summary of Tax Sale Account
Period March 5, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

— DR. —

	Levy of
	1974
Tax Sale of May 31, 1975	\$4,771
Interest and Costs Collected After Sale	19
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	\$4,790

— CR. —

Remittances To Treasurer:	
Redemptions	\$1,030
Interest and Costs	19
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Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1975	3,741
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	\$4,790

EXHIBIT D **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

Statement of Town Clerk's Account **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975**

— DR. —

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1974 Permits	\$ 302	
1975 Permits	12,775	
	12,775	\$13,077

Dog Licenses Issued:

169 @ \$2	\$ 338	
21 @ \$5	105	
1 Kennel @ \$52	52	
Miscellaneous	3	

	\$ 498	
23 Penalties @ \$1	23	

	\$ 521	
Less: 189 Fees @ \$.20	38	

	483	
Filing Fees	11	
	11	\$13,571

— CR. —

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$13,077	
Dog Licenses	483	
Filing Fees	11	
	11	\$13,571

EXHIBIT E-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
General Fund

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Balance — January 1, 1975	\$ 0	
Receipts During Year:		
Town Appropriation	4,600	
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	4,600	
Expenditures During Year:		
Books, Magazines and Records	\$1,531	
Supplies and Services	1,017	
Fuel	664	
Utilities	688	
Care of Grounds	578	
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	4,478	
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Balance — December 31, 1975		\$122

EXHIBIT E-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Special Fund

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Balance — January 1, 1975	\$ 377	
Receipts During Year:		
Interest	\$ 225	
Fines	107	
Donations	1,459	
Sale of Books	28	
Benefits	649	
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	2,468	
	<hr/>	
		\$2,845

Expenditures During Year:

Books and Magazines	\$ 226	
Donations	42	
Repairs	1,157	
Transfer to Savings Account	327	
Reimbursement to Town of Francestown	480	
Miscellaneous	112	
	<hr/>	2,344

Balance — December 31, 1975

\$501

**EXHIBIT E-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Anne Schott Memorial Fund**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975**

Balance — January 1, 1975 \$1,081

Receipts During Year:

Interest Income	53
	<hr/>
	\$1,134

Expenditures During Year:

Books	135
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Balance — December 31, 1975

\$ 999

**EXHIBIT E-4
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Town History Fund**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975**

Balance — January 1, 1975		\$ 835
Receipts During Year:		
Interest on Investments	\$ 62	
Sale of Town Histories	241	
Donation from Improvement and Historical Society	1,417	
	<hr/>	1,720
Balance — December 31, 1975		<hr/> \$2,555

**EXHIBIT E-5
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Memorial Fund**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975**

Receipts During Year:		
Donations	\$1,132	
Interest	29	
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Balance — December 31, 1975		\$1,161

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Fire Department
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Balance — January 1, 1975 \$ 1

Receipts During Year:

Town Appropriation	\$3,830	
Volunteer Fire Department	500	
Reimbursement for Hydrant	100	
Telephone Commissions	51	
Miscellaneous	7	
	<hr/>	4,488
		<hr/>
		\$4,489

Expenditures During Year:

New Radio	\$ 936	
Fuel Oil	542	
Utilities	534	
Fire Hose	529	
Truck Expense	360	
Radio Repairs	305	
Maintaining Hydrants	243	
Association Dues	471	
Supplies	225	
Training	160	
Janitor	100	
Miscellaneous	10	
	<hr/>	4,415
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Balance — December 31, 1975 \$74

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
	Balance Jan. 1, 1975	New Funds Created & Trans- ferred	Balance Dec. 31, 1975	Earned & Trans- ferred During Year	Expended & Trans- ferred During Year	Balance Principal & Income Dec. 31, 1975
Cemetery Funds:						
Common Trust Fund "A"	\$ 6,445	\$	\$ 6,445	\$ 424	\$ 352	\$ 2,045
Common Trust Fund "B"	3,609		3,609	356	343	1,605
Individual Accounts	12,722	100	12,822	952	815	1,562
Education Funds:	1,128		1,128	310	50	363
Library Funds:	4,025		4,025	79	121	200
Capital Reserve Funds:						
Road Equipment	634		634	261	47	308
Civil Defense	110		110	78	10	88
Town Hall	4,463		4,463	741	267	1,008
Town Buildings	14		14	28	2	30
Replacement of Fire Truck	3,153	1,000	4,153	610	193	803
New Cemetery	1,242	250	1,492	416	211	287
Fire Department — Radio Replacement	272		272	14	14	14
Police Department — Cruiser Replacement		300	300			300
	\$37,817	\$1,650	\$39,467	\$7,513	\$1,771	\$8,313
						\$47,780

Investments	
Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 4,012
Amoskeag Savings Bank — Investment Certificates	11,599
Peterborough Coop Bank — Investment Share	1,500
Peterborough Savings Bank	1,616
Peterborough Savings Bank — Time Certificate	10,390
The Manchester Bank	17,029
86 Shares — The Manchester Corporation	1,634
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	\$47,780

EXHIBIT H TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Cemetery Commission Statement of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Balance — January 1, 1975		\$ 39
Receipts During Year:		
Income from Trust Funds	\$1,510	
Town Appropriation	300	
	<hr/>	1,810
		<hr/>
		\$1,849
Expenditures During Year:		
Care of Grounds:		
Labor	\$1,305	
Materials	25	
Utilities	42	
Pruning Trees	310	
Administrative Expenses	5	
Water Line Repairs	54	
	<hr/>	1,741
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Balance — December 31, 1975		\$108

EXHIBIT I
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Conservation Commission
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

Balance — January 1, 1975		\$3,278
Receipts During Year:		
Dance Receipts (Net)	\$897	
Sale of Directories	246	
Interest Income	192	
Town Appropriation	150	
Advertising Income	33	
Gifts	4	
	<hr/>	1,522
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		\$4,800
Expenditures During Year:		
Printing	\$156	
Association Dues	45	
	<hr/>	201
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Balance — December 31, 1975		\$4,599

EXHIBIT J
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1975

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Treasurer:			
Herman C. Miller			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	33-09-56	\$15,000	March 4, 1975
Tax Collector:			
Elizabeth M. Behrsing			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	N-4269094	\$31,500	March 4, 1975
Town Clerk:			
Herman C. Miller			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	NF-4201847-A	\$ 3,000	March 5, 1975
Trustees of Trust Funds:			
Charles J. Brien			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	36-07-32	\$ 6,000	March 4, 1975
Clifton F. Foote			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	NF-4040858-A	\$ 6,000	March 6, 1973
F. Russell Abbott			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	88-43-11	\$ 7,000	March 5, 1974

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1975 \$ 72,029 51

Catherine H. Abbott, Tax Collector:

1974 Property Tax	\$10,493 31	
1974 Interest	118 46	
1974 Resident Tax	180 00	
1974 Resident Tax Penalties	17 00	
	-----	10,808 77
1973 Redemptions		25 10

Elizabeth M. Behrsing, Tax Collector:

1974 Property Tax	\$34,330 45	
1974 Interest	1,321 06	
1974 Resident Tax	330 00	
1974 Resident Tax Penalties	33 00	
1974 Tax Sales Redeemed	1,029 60	
1974 Interest & Costs after Sale	18 91	
	-----	37,063 02
1975 Property Tax	\$235,169 31	
1975 Interest	75 52	
1975 Resident Tax	26 00	
1975 Resident Tax Penalties	1,960 51	
1975 Yield Tax	3,460 00	
	-----	240,691 34

Herman C. Miller, Clerk

Auto Permits 1975	\$12,777 71	
Auto Permits 1974	301 97	
Dog Licenses	470 40	
Filing Fees	11 00	
	-----	13,561 08

Loans:

Souhegan Nat'l. Bank (Short Term)	60,000 00
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State of New Hampshire:

Gas Tax Subsidy	\$14,179 08
Business & Profits Tax	2,442 32
Class V Highways	8,170 14
Savings Bank Tax	1,771 21

Forest Fire Bill	29 42	
Interest & Dividends Tax	41,696 77	
Rooms & Meals Tax	4,470 86	
	<hr/>	72,759 80

Unclassified:	
Rentals, Town Hall	\$ 5 00
Building Permits	140 00
Pistol Permits	14 00
Dump & Beach Permits	15 00
U.S. Treasury Dept., Federal Revenue Sharing	6,103 00
Stuart F. Clark Ins., for Damage to Cruiser	26 74
Peterborough Savings Bank, Int. on Fed. Revenue Sharing	79 09
Willis Hadley, Kennel License	12 50
Conservation Commission, Replace Light Bulb	2 00
Conval School District, Plowing	150 59
Town of Peterborough, Ambulance Rebate	62 70
Richard F. Leavitt, Cemetery Lot	50 00
Hartford Ins. Co., Payment for Police Reports	11 00
Middlesex Mutual Ins. Co., for Police Report	1 50
Travelers Ins. Co., for Police Report	5 00
Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co., for Police Report	5 00
Royal Globe Ins. Co., for Police Report	5 00
Reliance Ins. Co., for Police Report	10 00
John Schott, for Two School Desks	10 00
Robert Stack, Tax Map	5 00
Ronald Ravenscraft, Zoning Ordinance	1 00

Robert Stack,		
Planning Board Fee	7 00	
Rino Sanchioni,		
Planning Board Fee	22 00	
W. C. MacAdam,		
Planning Board Fees	70 00	
Wilcox Lumber Co.,		
Timber Tax Security	510 00	
Robert Cloutier,		
Planning Board Fee	5 00	
Laura Studen,		
Planning Board Fee	5 00	
Franklin Sidway, Flood Plain Map	5 00	
Peterborough Savings Bank,		
Int. on General Funds	193 38	
Thomas B. Gannett, Jr.,		
Planning Board Fee	10 00	
Robert Cloutier,		
Planning Board Fee	11 00	
Phillip W. Ireland,		
Planning Board Fees	76 00	
Herman C. Miller, Stopped		
Payment on Check No. 9711	7 20	
Norman C. Muzzey,		
Planning Board Fee	11 00	
Eileen Born, Cemetery Lot	50 00	
Dorothy Philbrick, Cemetery Lot	50 00	
G. H. Bixby Mem. Library, Refund	480 14	
Hillsborough Human Development		
Adm., for General Maintenance	1,018 32	
Kemper Ins. Co., for		
Police Report	5 00	
	-----	9,250 16

Total Receipts		\$516,188 78
Total Payments		429,156 39

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 87,032 39
Respectfully submitted,		
HERMAN C. MILLER, Treasurer		

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Expenses

Transcript, Printing	\$ 12 50
E. Souckup, Bkkgg. & Sec'y. Services	604 00
C. Abbott, Supplies	5 00
I. Vadney, Supplies	3 33
Monadnock Ledger, Announcements	52 80
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	304 95
Keene Ind. Paper Co., Inc., Supplies	10 22
State of N.H., Audit	922 45
Herman C. Miller, Supplies & Expenses	193 30
Clark & Wheeler, Supplies	30 33
R. Cutter, Postage Stamps & Box Rent	96 38
Cabinet Press, Town Reports & Inventories	1,062 80
N.H. City & Town Clerks, Dues	20 00
Francestown Press, Supplies	77 90
Elizabeth Behrsing, Supplies & Expenses	702 61
Hillsboro County Treas., Filing Plans	39 50
Hillsboro County Reg. of Deeds	80
Homestead Press & Bookshop, Supplies	35 15
Financial Publishing Co., Supplies	5 50
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Handbook	2 00
Typewriter Headquarters, Cleaning Machine	25 00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., Dues	10 00
R. Franklin Mace, Supplies	141 73
H. C. Humphrey, Beach Rent	1 00
James Sewall Co., Updating Tax Map	413 00
John R. Schott, Supplies	13 45
Brennan Tree Service	340 00
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Book	11 40
N.H. Assoc. of Assessors, Dues	10 00

	\$ 5,147 10

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Public Service, Power	\$ 266 19
Richard Leavitt, Electrical Repair	7 50
Daniels Garage, Fuel	897 19

R. Cleaves, Plowing	39 00
J. G. Coakley, Custodial Care	140 50
Francestown Water Co., Water Service	62 50
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	37 67
Donald Hoyt, Repair Billboard	23 05
Lawrence Ames, Lawn Care	59 00
Norton Brown, Repair Lock	10 00
John LaCroix, Piano Tuning	33 00
O. A. Thulander, Paint	167 76
Lorden Lumber Co., Plywood	684 32
H. D. Kiblin, Care of Clock	25 00
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	\$ 2,452 68

Highways — Summer

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$3,556.00	\$11,004.30	\$
Clayton Foote, Jr.	3,048.00		
John Paige	1,048.80		
George Morgan	1,744.32		
Ralph Rokes		1,009.00	
Nina Abbott			45.00
Wilfred Foote		162.00	
Richard O. Miller			445.20
Brennan Tree Service			288.00
Daniels Drilling & Blasting			25.00
Elsie Cornwell		477.00	
Gordon Rich		104.00	
Almus Chancey		140.00	
Milford Asphalt Co.			1,266.21
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.			1,240.76
Penn Culvert			327.05
Yeaton & Maine			111.60
Amy Foote			74.00
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	\$9,397.12	\$12,896.30	\$3,822.84

Total Summer Highways — \$26,116.26

Highway — Winter

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$3,055.50	\$4,711.14	\$
Robert Murray		1,273.00	
Clayton Foote, Jr.	2,694.24		
George Morgan	1,564.76		
John Houghton	313.00		
International Salt			2,933.59
Kenneth Foote		459.00	
Curt Werden		382.00	
Steve Miller		599.25	
Richard Leavitt		325.50	
Ralph Rokes		762.60	
Walter Foote	302.50		
Ronald Kullgren	15.00		
Whitehall Chemical Co.			1,487.50
John Paige	590.64		
Richard O. Miller		232.00	
Frank Jones		112.00	
Almus Chancey		189.00	
Elsie Cornwell		189.00	
Nina Abbott			150.00
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	\$8,535.64	\$9,234.49	\$4,571.09

Total Winter Highways — \$22,341.22

Duncan Fund

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Starrett Farms	\$	\$	\$ 15.00
Robert Foote	420.00	4,338.80	
Clayton Foote, Jr.	384.00		
John Paige	353.28		
Ralph Rokes		671.40	
Elsie Cornwell		288.00	
Gordon Rich		360.00	
Almus Chancey		360.00	
R. Snyder		216.00	
Roscoe Putnam		180.00	

Richard O. Miller	238.00
Amy Foote	231.80

\$1,157.28	\$6,414.20	\$ 484.80
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Total Duncan Fund — \$8,056.28

Gas Tax Subsidy

	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$6,784.78	\$
International Salt		1,312.34
R. C. Hazelton		1,090.70
Penn Culvert		4,254.26
Guide Rail Systems Inc.		662.00
Do-All Rent-All		75.00
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	\$6,784.78	\$7,394.30

Total Gas Tax Subsidy — \$14,179.08

General Highway Expense

Public Service Co., Power	\$ 97 48
Daniels Garage, Fuel	681 75
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	125 55
Treas., State of N.H., Signs	38 00
Whitehall Chemical Corp., Rust Proofer	133 18
R. C. Hazeltine Co., Inc., Parts	102 87
Sanel Auto Parts, Parts	516 91
Auto Parts Sales Co., Parts	91 82
B & B Chain Co., Parts	300 00
Ralph Rokes, Repairs	61 30
Mr. Gies Tire Co., Repairs	41 00
Safety Rods Materials Co., Parts	1,329 50
Guide Rail System Inc., Supplies	146 53
Lorden Lumber Co., Lumber	540 84
N. England Lube Co., Lubricants	11 10
Milford Asphalt Co., Cold Patch	677 71
Bo Mar Lumber Co., Stakes	20 00
N. England Lube Co., Lubricants	50 00
DeMers Plate Glass, Glass	3 18
R. H. Johnson Inc., Grader Oil & Grease	160 42
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	\$ 5,129 14

**Unpaid Property Taxes of 1975
as of January 1, 1976**

Allan & Florence Block	Aldrich Durant, Jr.
Roy & Alice Borden	John P. Lassen
Robert & Rhoda Burden	Robert A. Schaffstein
Colburn Co.	Albert Weisnir
Charles Easterly	David & Dorothy Hackett
Dorothy Ellis	Raymond & Donna James
Paul & Sandra Ellis	John Joy
Virginia Fossel	Robert Keezer
Roger & Frances Hall	John Lanoie
Harold & Helen Hammond	John M. Lord
Charles & Betsy Holbrook	Jos. & Rose Marino and
Constance Leonard	A. & J. Aveni
William & Lois MacAdam	William Murphy
Edgar Morin (Heirs of)	Donald McDonald
Robert & Carolyn Murray	Onset Corp.
Donough & Jean Prince	Robert Normandin
Ralph & Barbara Rokes	Harvey & Vera Paige
Ronald & Janet Subka	Perle Real Estate
Oscar Sweet	Frances & Elizabeth Petit
Curtis Werden	Joseph Rainey
Crotched Mt. Assoc.	Phillip Riddle
Franeestown Mt. Land Assoc.	James Roantree
Martha C. Bixby	Donald & Kathleen Severance
Thomas E. Bixby III	Pamela Thoma
Charles Bowman	Donald Torres, Jr.
Mary Caskie (Heirs of)	Donald Torres, Sr.
Arthur Cernotta	James & Vivian Wharton
Compro Inc.	Frances William
George Flagg (Heirs of)	John Young
William & Natalie Gray	Rudolph & Barbara Zeigler
Barbara & Kenneth Coates	Edwin Merrill
Timothy Taylor	Robert Holden
Walter C. Wolfe	Thomas Gannett

**Unpaid Resident Taxes of 1975
as of January 1, 1976**

Robert C. Ames
Roy Borden
Alice Borden
Michael Cahill
Cheryl Cahill
Timothy Darling
David Dodge
Patricia Dodge
Bernard Doucette
Mary Doucette
Steven Downey
Eleanor Downey
Scott Dutton
Charles Easterly
Susan Ellis
Paul Ellis
Sandra Ellis
Clayton Foote, Jr.
Walter Foote
James Gibbons
Carol C. Gibbons
John Gilmore
Kate Gilmore
James Gilroy
Melody Hammond
Ruth Ireland
Andrew Janiak
Daniel Lentriccia
William McNeil
Patricia McNeil

William MacAdam
Lois MacAdam
Frederick MacAdam
Peter Mausolff
George Morgan
Abigail Ober
Steven Paige
Clarence Paige
Lucille Paige
Robert Pasich
Patricia Pasich
John Reeves
Lisa Sanderson
Nathan H. Sanderson
Nathan H. Sanderson IV
Natalie Sanderson
Michael Standish
Harold Stewart
Linda M. Stewart
William Stacy, Jr.
Frances Stacy
Ronald Subka
David Subka
Janet Subka
Robert Terry
Richard Tibbetts
Heide Topping
Edward Walters
Curtis Werden
Cristeta Werden

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits, 831 issued	\$13,079 68
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Dog Licenses:

169 Male & Spayed	\$355 00
19 Female	100 00
1 Kennel	53 00

\$508 00

Paid Out:

Commission on 189 Licenses	37 60
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470 40

Filing Fees

11 00

Total Receipts

\$13,561 08

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE — 1975

Buildings and Contents

\$25,000 on Library Building
4,000 on Contents of Library
3,500 on Town Garage Building
35,000 on Town Hall Building
500 on Contents of Selectmen's Office
12,000 on Fire Station

Other Property and Vehicles

\$25,000 on Motor Grader
1,000 on Stage Coach
300 on Resuscitator
400 on Two-way Radio Base Station
100 on Antenna for above radio
250 on Forestry Base Station
400 on Four Mobile Two-way Radios
1,650 on Eleven Radio Monitors at various locations
2,700 on 1954 International Fire Truck and Equipment
1,400 on 1948 Ford Fire Truck and Equipment
16,000 on 1969 International Fire Truck
1974 Plymouth Police Cruiser, Radios & Equip.

Workmen's Compensation on all Town Employees

Liability and Property Damage on all Town Buildings,
vehicles and Operations

\$2,000 Blanket Accident Policy on Fire Dept. Members

Burglary and Robbery Policy covering Office of the Town
Treasurer and Tax Collector

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance — January 1, 1975 \$ 39 22

Receipts:

Income, Trust Fund	\$1,510 00	
Town Appropriation	300 00	
	<hr/>	1,810 00
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		\$ 1,849 22

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$1,304 85	
Supplies	2 15	
Care of Trees	310 00	
Utilities	42 15	
Gravestone Repair	25 00	
Stamps	3 00	
Plumbing	53 91	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,741 06
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Balance — January 1, 1976 \$ 108 16

Proof of Balance

Balance in Souhegan National Bank
per statement of Dec. 31, 1975 \$ 108 16

LOIS LEAVITT
CONSTANCE BICKNELL
KRIS STEWART
Cemetery Trustees

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – 1975

The Trustees held their business meetings the first Thursday of each month, and met for the Budget Report on a quarterly schedule. A delegate was represented at each meeting of the State Southwest District Advisory Council and the Nubanusit Libraries Co-op. This Co-op was formed in March by our Service Center, the Peterborough Town Library. Meetings were held every six weeks with twelve delegates attending representing the regional libraries affiliated with Peterborough.

The Trustees appointed Priscilla Kunhardt to the Board as an Honorary Trustee in recognition of the many years of dedication, hard work and constructive projects accomplished while she was a Trustee.

A Memorial Fund Account has been opened at the Peterborough Savings Bank. Unless otherwise specified, all memorial contributions will now be deposited in this account, and recorded in the Memorial Book listing all books and/or items purchased with the specific memorial.

The library received a total of \$338.00 from the Village Improvement Society from the Labor Day Raffle money received over the past two years. The Society also turned over to the library \$1,400.00 from an account they held which was specified for library use. A Certificate of Deposit was purchased in March with this account.

In February, the Library was awarded a certificate of Outstanding Library Achievement from the New Hampshire State Library. We were very honored to receive this commendation, as it was presented to less than one-third of the libraries throughout New Hampshire for exceeding the necessary requirements of State affiliated libraries. Inge Anderson and Betsy Weiderhold attended the ceremonies in Concord.

In March, two classes in the Arts & Crafts were held. Priscilla Davis taught chair caning and rushing, and Betsy Wiederhold conducted classes in various techniques of needlepoint. The classes ran for a period of ten weeks and

were free. Following the final lesson in needlepoint, Elizabeth Thompson joined the group to show slides and talk on the needlepoint designs in the Washington Cathedral.

Ann Geisel, Assistant Librarian, left her position in the middle of May. Consequently, we were faced with the problem of help to fill in for a period of six weeks, when Libby Wiederhold was arriving to work for two months. Lois MacAdam, Volunteers Chairperson, quickly called forth a good team of workers and the situation was once more under control.

On July 1, Libby started to work with Inge by helping her run the summer program outlined for children. She conducted a very busy schedule of story hours, showing movies and taking the children on nature walks. When she was not busy with Kiddy Korner, she was a great help to Inge with the general library chores. Though several of the nature walks turned out to be called "The Ivy Itch" and "Hornets Havoc," the general program was a great success. It was Labor Day before we knew it, and many sad little faces said goodbye for another summer.

On September 1, Connie Varnum was employed to fill the position as Assistant Librarian. She works a total of eleven hours a week. In the fall, Connie attended a course in Library Cataloguing offered by the State at Keene, New Hampshire. This is a tuition-free program, and the Library paid the cost of mileage expenses.

The Trustees sent a contribution of \$25.00 to the Library Foundation of New Hampshire in memory of Emil Allen, a hard working and loyal State Librarian for many years.

In memory of Donald Born, a former Trustee, the Library continued his gift subscription to the Mystery Book Guild. Many patrons have enjoyed these books over the years.

The grade school participated in another year of reading and movie programs, which were held weekly throughout the school year. The school's art program kept the children's rooms brightly decorated for many of the holidays and various occasions.

During National Library Week the Boy Scout Troop of Francestown, under the leadership of David Carney, had an excellent display of their badges, books and equipment,

some of which they made themselves. On the final day, the Troop presented a talk and slide show and served refreshments. They were a very impressive group of young citizens, and we were pleased to be of service to them.

The 4-H Club, under the leadership of Priscilla Kunhardt, held several successful bake sales on the Library premises. This was to help raise money for a Livestock building.

The organizations which met at the Library on a regular schedule were the Town Water Commission, the Village Improvement Society and the Conservation Commission.

The annual Library Bridge and Tea was held on August 17, 1975, at the Crotched Mountain Ski Lodge, through the generous support of Tim Gannett. An important part of the day was the Silent Auction, directed by Connie Dodge and supported by donations from the many friends of the Library, to whom we extend our thanks. A new feature was the raffle of items donated by Mrs. Dorothy McLeod, Mrs. Louis Wiederhold, Jr., Mrs. Lucius Gilman and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gannett. We wish to extend a very special thanks to these generous donators. Doris Basset and Lois MacAdam did a superlative job directing this fund-raising event.

The net proceeds from the Library Bridge came to \$616.50, and with this amount the Trustees were able to purchase a 16 mm Bell and Howell movie and sound projector to replace the old and irreparable machine. The cost of the new projector was \$654.00, less \$75.00 trade-in.

The Trustees assigned Don Hoyt to build two large and one small bookcase for the growing amount of books the Library has acquired. The cost of these cases, plus the paint and supplies, was paid for from the Special Account, and volunteers generously donated much time and labor sanding and painting them. They are an attractive asset to the rooms.

A second-hand electric typewriter was purchased from the Jones Typewriter Company in Manchester, as it became necessary to have a machine for each floor.

The exceptionally wet and hot summer introduced another expense and a major problem for the Library. Mildew was discovered amongst the books, so a second de-humidi-

fier was purchased immediately. At the same time, ten removable screens were bought so that on the warm and sunny days they could be placed in various windows for cross ventilation . . . without bugs.

The Library received \$253.00 from "Frances' Town" Town History sold during the year.

On Tuesday evenings, from September 15 to December 16, the Library was opened for two hours. This procedure was tried in order to accommodate the working person and high school students. It turned out to be very satisfactory, and we plan to try this schedule for the coming year, unless the weather puts too great a strain on the fuel budget.

The Town installed a drainage junction and pipeline on the southwest corner of the building. The State cleaned and replaced new pipeline from the curbing into the required distance for run-off, and the Town constructed a drainage line running northwest of the building in order to prevent water from seeping into the lower floor of the Library. When this work was completed, a new sidewalk was constructed along the front of the building.

The installation of a fire escape on the north side of the building was started late in the fall, along with major repairs to the brick wall and chimneys. It has been under the direction of the Selectmen. As yet, this project has not been completed.

It has been an exciting and busy year in our Library, and though the following remarks may have been included in other parts of the Library report, I would like to add a few thoughts as I finish my seventh and last year as a Trustee. I have been ever aware that the Library is the center of many of the activities in town, is used by many, including the school children for whom special programs are planned, is the first place a newcomer visits to ask questions and to get acquainted. We are indeed lucky to have so many interested and generous supporters, as indicated by the cash gifts, gifts of books and magazines, and support of our once a year money-raising event. Monies have been received in memory of friends, relatives or former users of the Library this year, to such an extent that it was voted by the Trustees to start a Memorial Fund Bank Account

and to record such gifts in a Memorial Book. Finally, a special tribute should be given to those women who have given so many volunteer hours in answer to an appeal from Lois MacAdam for an extra pair of hands. We have had approximately twelve volunteers working an average of ten hours total each week. Also, we are extremely fortunate to have Ingeborg Anderson as our Librarian running such an efficient facility for the pleasures and needs of the community.

CONSTANCE DODGE
ELIZABETH P. WIEDERHOLD
LOIS MacADAM

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Circulation of Books and Magazines:

Fiction	3,100
Non-Fiction	1,827
Juvenile	6,876

Total Books	11,803
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Magazines	799
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12,602

Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits):

Fiction, 716; Non-Fiction, 736; Juvenile, 1,907	
Total	3,359

Requested from Concord State Library	136
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Library Hours

Tuesday	1 - 5 P.M.
Wednesday	10 - 5 P.M.
Thursday	1 - 5 P.M.
Friday	10 - 5 P.M.
Saturday	2 - 4 P.M.

Open total of 22 hours.

Library Telephone	547-2730
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Librarian	547-6897
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Donations of Books and Magazines: Bicknell family, Bolle family, Eileen Born, Rhoda Burden, Lina Detenowski, Edmonds family, Joanne Eddy, Carol Hill, Margery Foster, Rick Katzenberg, Sibby Kunhardt, Gilmore family, Caroline Lord, Marsden family, Marie Muzzey, Joe Head, Elin Onasch, Frances Pettee, Eva Stuwrow, Ozzie Sweet, Blake Tewksbury, John Taylor — Boston Globe, Mabel Wiederhold and Wiederhold family.

Library subscribes to the following magazines: Americana (gift), American Girl, Antiques, Audubon, Audubon of N.H. (gift), Back Pack, Baseball Digest (gift), Baseball Register (gift), Bicycling (gift), Booklist, Boy's Life, Consumer's Research, Country Journal (gift), Cricket (gift), Curious Naturalist (gift), Down East, Early American Life (gift), American Artist (gift), Environment News (gift), Forest Notes, Good Housekeeping, Gourmet (gift), Holiday, The Horn Book, Horse of Course, Horticulture, House & Garden, Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, National Geographic, National Wildlife, Natural History, New Hampshire Profiles, The New Yorker, Organic Gardening (gift), Plants Alive (gift), Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Psychology Today (gift), Ranger Rick, Reader's Digest, Reverence for Life (gift), School Arts, Seventeen, Ski (gift), Spinning Wheel, Sports Illustrated, Time, U.S. News & World Report (gift), Vermont Life, World Tennis (gift), Yankee. Newspapers: Peterborough Transcript, The Ledger, New York Times (gift), New Hampshire Times (gift).

I have been asked many times — just what is there to do in a small town library that we require an assistant librarian and also many volunteers. If you were to ask our volunteers — one might be surprised to learn of a seemingly never ending number of cards to be filed, books to be arranged and re-arranged, books to be mended, books to be discarded and patrons to be served. On Wednesdays and Fridays our volunteers man the main desk while both librarians are downstairs helping the school children pick out their books for study or books for leisure time reading. Movies from State Library are shown at this time. The Francestown school can be proud of their energetic readers.

Ann Geisel left us in May to work in the Peterborough Library. We were very fortunate to have Libby Wiederhold come to work with the children for the remainder of the summer. Connie Varnum came on Sept. 1st as Assistant Librarian. It is important to have three people at the library on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our volunteers work a period of 2 hours, which means an average of 10 hours volunteer work weekly.

My sincere thanks to Lois MacAdam and her faithful

group of Volunteers who have given so many hours of helping us with the endless task of cataloguing our books. I am very happy to report all the Adult Fiction and Non-fiction have been catalogued — resulting in the overflow of our card files. We look forward to new and larger file cabinets in 1976.

Betsy Wiederhold continues to enhance the Library with beautiful photos, illustrations and appropriate clippings, to the delight of young and old. Her latest Poster, "READ A CORD OF BOOKS," is on the front door. Betsy never seems to tire or lack creative ideas which promotes more and better reading for our patrons.

Eleanor Kiblin again showed her talent in her beautiful map of Francestown used in conjunction with "LET'S TAKE A WALK," a Special Reading Program this summer. Carol Prest, our artist, designed the Hiking Boots and Back Pack Tags to identify each reader, which delighted the children as they moved along the Trail according to the number of books read. This summer program was under the capable direction of Libby Wiederhold, who recommended and suggested books, showed movies to various age groups, read stories, and all in all the children just love Libby — it was a very successful summer program! Libby and Diane Schott took groups of children on walks from the actual nature trail map.

In August we had our party back of the Library, and a grand time was had by all. Paperback books were prizes again this year for children who were the "top readers."

Connie Dodge and Lois MacAdam had several money-making projects in order to purchase a new movie projector and new bookcases to accommodate the overflow of non-fiction in the reading room. The Library Tea was, as usual, a huge success — thanks to Connie, Lois and many workers.

I visited several libraries this summer — and always felt that our Bixby Memorial Library was the nicest of all, thanks to the endless efforts of your trustees who go beyond all the requirements that make a library successful. Our library is an attractive building, housing an excellent collection of books. We did receive from Mr. Allen, Librarian

of Concord State Library, an outstanding achievement award for excelling in State Library requirements. Have attended Children's book displays at Keene Library. Connie Varnum participated in a 10-week course in Cataloguing under the supervision of N.H. State Library.

My appreciation and thanks to Libby Wiederhold for the excellent job she did with the children. Connie Varnum is a great asset to the library staff, and we welcome her aboard. Again my appreciation to all the Volunteers and my super Trustees.

"READ A CORD OF BOOKS"

Respectfully submitted,

INGEBORG ANDERSON, Librarian

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Account	1975 Budget	1975 Expend.	1976 Budget
Bank Charges	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.41	\$ 10.00
Salaries:			
Librarian	2,589.40)		3,173.50
Clerical Assistant	636.00)	3,452.00*	1,327.10
Social Security	151.47	211.34*	263.00
Supplies & Petty Cash	600.00	554.32	700.00
Books	1,100.00	1,102.20	1,200.00
Magazines	125.00	383.91	200.00
New Equip. & Repairs	350.00	315.39	350.00
Fuel	800.00	663.51	800.00
Water & Lights	500.00	541.70	550.00
Grounds & Janitor	175.00	186.50	250.00
Cleaning	475.00	455.00	475.00
Records & AVM	100.00	44.51	100.00
Transportation	100.00	77.06	100.00
Telephone	150.00	146.43	150.00
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	\$7,861.87	\$8,141.28	\$9,648.60

* Payment of \$480.14 (a contribution to the library for 6 mos. salary plus social security for clerical assistant) was made to the Town by the Library Trustees on November 15, 1975 reducing salaries to a net of \$3,183.20 and reducing 1975 total expenditures to \$7,661.14.

Receipts:

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1975	\$	0.00	
Payments to Trustees by Selectmen		4,600.00	
Salaries Paid by Selectmen		3,452.00	
Social Security Paid by Selectmen		211.34	
Total Receipts		-----	\$8,263.34

Expenditures:

Paid by Trustees		\$4,477.94	
Paid by Selectmen			
(Salaries plus S.S.)		3,663.34	
		-----	\$8,141.28
Cash on Hand			122.06

Total Expenditures			\$8,263.34

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Accounts for Special Purposes

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1975 \$ 376 89

Receipts:

Manning & Clark Fund Trust Inc.*	\$ 74 73	
Alison Bixby Hill Fund Trust Inc.*	86 20	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	63 81	
Fines	107 04	
Cash Gifts	634 93	
Contribution for 6 mos. salary for Clerical Assistant	480 14	
Contribution from Francetown Improvement & Historical Society	338 00	
Sale of Books, Magazines, Post Cards	34 38	
Benefit — Bridge-Tea	648 50	
Total Receipts	-----	\$2,467 73
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		\$2,844 62

Expenditures:

Books	\$ 242 57	
Magazines	13 25	
Reimb. to Town for Clerical Assistant	480 14	
Repairs & Equipment	1,156 71	
Gifts	42 00	
Bridge-Tea Expenses	82 00	
Transferred from Special to Memorial Fund Account	327 00	
Total Expenditures	-----	2,343 67
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Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 500 95

* Trustees of Trust Funds, custodians of Bank Books; interest paid directly to Library.

OTHER ACCOUNTS

First National Bank of Peterborough:

Certificate of Deposit expiring 3-24-76	
Money transferred from Francetown	
Improvement & Historical	
Society to Library Trustees	\$1,417 29

Peterborough Savings Bank Account No. 39794:

Anne Schott Memorial Fund	
Balance Jan. 1, 1975	\$1,080 73
Interest	53 53
	----- \$1,134 26
Withdrawn — purchase of pre-kindergarten books	134 82

Balance Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 999 44

Peterborough Savings Bank Account No. 47384:

Library Town History Account	
Balance Jan. 1, 1975	\$835 00
Deposits — Sales of Histories	253 00
Interest	50 52
	----- \$1,138 52
Withdrawn — Postage	87

Balance Dec. 31, 1975	\$1,137 65

Peterborough Savings Bank Account No. 50581:

Memorial Fund Account (new)	
Transferred from Spec. Account	\$327 00
Deposits	805 00
Interest	28 82
Balance Dec. 31, 1975	----- \$1,160 82

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francetstown, N. H., on December 31, 1975

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawn	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	\$ 6,444.68			\$6,444.68	\$1,979.96	\$ 423.76	\$ 332.00	\$2,044.72
1950	Co-Mingled Fund "B" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	3,609.28			3,609.28	1,501.74	353.64	343.00	1,604.38
1952	Levi Woodbury Fund, Educational	Savings Bank	1,128.00			1,128.00	310.93	103.22	50.50	362.94
1954	George F. Pettee Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	232.17			232.17	493.44	14.75	20.00	73.07
1954	Vose and Blake Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	493.44			493.44	178.17	32.84	50.00	159.01
1956	Minnie P. Newton Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.39			109.39	32.53	7.12	5.00	34.65
1956	N. and N. Pearson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	220.91			220.91	930.31	14.52	15.00	71.37
1957	Abbott and Bryant Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	332.74			332.74	71.85	21.80	40.00	98.89
1957	Morrill-Gorman-Destrochers Cemetery	Savings Bank	548.41			548.41	117.09	32.97	60.00	102.75
1958	Hall and McKinley Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	110.26			110.26	29.10	6.98	5.00	31.08
1962	H. and A. Miller Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	164.75			164.75	50.88	10.41	20.00	41.29
1962	James T. Woodbury Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.70			109.70	30.76	7.05	5.00	32.81
1962	Forest N. Nichols Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.70			109.70	30.76	7.05	5.00	32.81
1962	N. and T. Stewart Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	185.87			185.87	30.76	7.05	5.00	32.81
1963	Bertil Anderson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.92			108.92		9.50		9.50
1963	Walter Dunsell Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	218.54			218.54	30.04	6.96	5.00	32.00
1964	Brytha D. Williams, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	163.18			163.18	69.51	14.43	10.00	73.94
1968	William B. Rice, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.44			108.44	47.12	10.45	10.00	47.57
1968	Abbie A. Dodge Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	8,890.18			8,890.18	28.83	6.87	5.00	30.70
1969	Everett D. Phillips, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	43.56	698.95	550.00	572.51
1970	Archibald Cullens, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	28.77	6.83	5.00	30.60
1974	The Lord Family, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	300.00			300.00	45.12	13.21	5.00	53.33
1974	Esther Whittemore, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	25.00			25.00	5.11	16.64		21.75
1975	Lawrence Kullgren	Savings Bank		100.00		100.00	1.34			1.34
			\$23,903.56	\$100.00		\$24,003.56	\$5,300.22	\$1,834.76	\$1,560.50	\$5,574.48

*Trust Fund established to have interest added to principal until instructed otherwise.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1956	Town Buildings		14.29					
1955	Replacement Fire Trucks	Savings Bank	3,153.41					\$ 30.10
1960	Town Hall	Savings Bank	4,463.37	1,000.00				802.94
1960	Road Equipment	Savings Bank	633.39					1,007.81
1958	New Cemetery Sales	Savings Bank	1,242.34	150.00				307.68
1961	Civil Defense Fire Dept. Radios	Savings Bank	110.34				210.73	387.35
1962	Replacement Police Dept. Cruiser	Savings Bank	271.93	300.00				87.70
1975		Savings Bank						14.01
			\$9,389.07	\$1,450.00		\$11,339.07	\$714.67	\$2,637.59

LIBRARY FUNDS:

°	George H. Bixby Library Fund	Savings	\$1,025.00					
°	George H. Bixby Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Co-op.	1,500.00					\$200.46
1974	Charles and Marion Vose Library	Peterborough Savings	1,500.00				\$121.47	
			\$4,025.00			\$4,025.00	\$78.99	\$200.46

°Trustee of Trust Fund Custodian of Principal Only

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT
CLIFTON F. FOOTE
CHARLES F. BRIEN
Trustees

FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The officers and members of the Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank everyone for their support at our annual Labor Day Supper, and for all other donations made to us throughout the year, which makes possible the purchasing of more equipment for the Dept. For the year 1974-75, the Fire Co. has spent from their treasury the sum of \$3,363.95 for new equipment, which includes 8 monitors, an air chisel for rescue work, smoke ejector, safety alarm for Scott Air Pac, an Ambu resuscitator, a Robert Shaw resuscitator, and half the cost of the new Base Radio station. We added to the truck fund, the mount of \$1,000. The fund now amounts to \$3,627.33; and is in addition to the Capital Reserve Fund voted by the town. A throat vac was donated to the Dept. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cutter, and oxygen breathing equipment was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poor. The Fire Dept. has formed a rescue squad, headed by Ray Plante. It will handle emergency calls and assist the ambulance crew when it comes to Francetown. Most of the tools we have for the rescue squad have been donated.

If anyone has items which they would care to donate to the rescue squad, please contact Ray Plante, or any Dept. member. We wish to thank the people in the South County Rd. (Ball Park Road) for their generous donations, which made it possible to install a dry fire hydrant at Paul Ellis' pond, which provides better fire protection for that area, and for the town. In our training program we have held drills in various parts of town which will be of help in fire pre-planning. As in the past, several men attended the Fire Training School at Meadowwood Training Area in Fitzwilliam. This helps to train men in all types of fire fighting and rescue work. The Women's Auxiliary of the V.F. Dept. is always ready to assist the Dept. They serve food and coffee and man the radio whenever they are requested to

do so. We wish to thank them again for five pairs of boots, they purchased and presented to the Co. Our slogan is, "Don't Gamble with Fire, the Odds Are Against You." Even though you feel that you can put your fire out yourself, please call the Fire Dept. We would rather come and find that the fire is out, than to come and find that we were called too late.

CLIFTON F. FOOTE, Fire Chief

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

1975 Firewards' Report

Income:

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1975	\$ 55
N.E.T. Rebate	51 16
Town Appropriation	3,830 00
Town Reimbursement	7 37
Volunteer Fire Dept. (Radio)	500 00
Reimbursement of Fire Hydrant	100 00
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Total	\$4,489 08

Expenditures:

Electricity	\$ 369 96
Fuel	633 38
Supplies	339 07
Hose	444 00
Truck Repairs	133 69
Gas & Oil	120 23
Heater Repairs	—
Radio & Repair	1,225 86
Water Holes	36 00
Telephone	149 12
Mutual Aid	471 00
Postage	10 00
Janitor	100 00
Water Bill	15 00
Training	160 00
Fire Hydrant	207 28
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	\$4,414 59

Reserves:

Fire Hose Coupling & Spanners	\$36 00
Water Bill	36 00
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	\$72 00
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 2 49

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET

	1975 Proposed	1975 Expend.	1976 Proposed
Electricity	\$ 420.00	\$ 369.96	\$ 420.00
Fuel	700.00	633.38	700.00
Supplies	280.00	339.07	280.00
Hose, etc.	450.00	480.00	450.00
Truck Repairs	250.00	133.69	250.00
Gas & Oil	175.00	120.23	175.00
Heater Repairs	75.00	—	75.00
Radio Repairs	200.00	*1,225.86	200.00
Water Holes & Labor	40.00	36.00	40.00
Telephone	175.00	149.12	175.00
Mutual Aid	300.00	471.00	550.00
Postage	25.00	10.00	25.00
Bank Charges	—	—	—
Janitor Service	100.00	100.00	100.00
Water Bill	40.00	51.00	40.00
Training	100.00	160.00	200.00
Protective Clothing	—	—	400.00
Fire Hydrant	—	207.28	—
Town Fire Maps	—	—	100.00
	<u>\$3,330.00</u>	<u>\$4,486.59</u>	<u>\$4,180.00</u>

* This includes the purchase of a new base station radio. The money was raised by Town Meeting and matched by Volunteer Fire Company. (\$500 each)

FIREWARDS:

Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence Kullgren,
Richard Leavitt, Charles J. Brien, Norman Stewart

Fire Warden's Report

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forest and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	143	88
Town	3	2¼

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Fire Chief
RICHARD LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1976 Budget

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1976 is as follows:

Telephone	\$1,200 00
Equipment	600 00
Time	4,000 00
Gasoline	600 00
Car Expenses (oil, tires, etc.)	300 00
Miscellaneous	500 00
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	\$7,200 00

Respectfully submitted,

PETER M. FLOOD, Chief

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

To the People of Francetown:

A few words to let you know where some of the money went last year, what we did last year and a few culverts this year.

T.R.A. went on the Turnpike last year, \$9,000.00, most of it went into excavation and gravel. We rebuilt the stone wall in front of Mrs. Ellis'. We plan to continue this year on that road, we hope to have that section tarred in early summer.

Duncan Fund went on Poor Farm Rd. this year, \$8,000.00. This should finish this road for the time being.

I understand State Funds may be cut down this year, so we may not get as far on the next project, we can only hope for the best.

We had a lot of rain last year and old stone culverts took a beating. We had to replace three footer on Potash Rd. last fall at a cost of about \$600.00. We have three more like it that need to be replaced this year (Wilson Hill Rd.), (County Rd.), and at the foot of Pond Hill on the back side of Scobie Pd. We need a few more small ones on County Rd. This is one of the reasons the General Funds will be up this year. Everything in the material line or parts have either doubled or tripled in price over the last two years, Grader and Plow blades have done worse than that.

We spent \$3,000.00 on Campbell Hill last year, it needs some more gravel but at least we could plow it this year.

We installed the new culvert at Prichards last year on Juniper Hill Rd. at a cost of \$6,500.00, the culvert cost \$3,575.00. We want to replace the bridge at Bewley's with the same thing this year to go along with the State's recommendations. The culvert this year is going to cost around \$4,000.00. I strongly urge the people to replace this bridge this year. I strongly urge the looking into the re-

placement of the Poor Farm Bridge below Vadney's as the State has recommended.

Due to the rise in cost of materials and supplies, and the storms we have been having this year, we have requested an increase in the Highway budget.

Also the Highway crew have asked for a small increase in wages to keep with the times. Our wages now are \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.76 respectively. We are asking for 25 cents across the board.

There were many complaints last year about dust control. An article will appear in the warrant so the people can decide to have this done in the future.

Again we in the Highway Department want to thank all the people for their support and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. FOOTE, Road Agent

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

At the close of the 1975 Town meeting, the townspeople voted a resolution of appreciation to Mrs. George Kunhardt for her many years of devoted service as a Trustee of the George Holmes Bixby Library.

In February the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Chairman of the State Library Commission. This award was given for the Library's participation in the Statewide Library Development Program, and for its efforts in providing good library services to the community.

The Board of Selectmen made the following appointments: To the Planning Board — Robert H. Cloutier reappointed and H. Bartlett Hardwick for five years. John L. Arnold was appointed to the Board of Adjustment for five years and James B. O'Mahoney reappointed and Eleanor Kiblin appointed to the Conservation Commission for five years. Mrs. David N. Settele was appointed as Town Health Officer. John A. Thomas who had been serving as Acting Police Chief was appointed as Police Chief in April. However he found it necessary to resign for personal reasons effective December 31st. His resignation was received with regrets. Peter Flood was appointed as Acting Police Chief for a period of six months commencing January 1, 1976.

The articles pertaining to the Town Dump in the 1975 Town Warrant were indefinitely postponed. However \$1,500 was voted for maintaining the present dump and another \$1,500 to carry out the Town's agreement with Bennington for use of their dump. Commencing July 1st all commercial carriers picking up and hauling refuse from Francestown were required to unload at the Bennington-Antrim-Francestown dump site in Bennington. All refuse is to be compacted or covered to prevent littering of highways, and a Francestown sticker applied to the windshield of the vehicle or on the trash driver's person, to be shown to the dump attendant if requested. Any violations of these

stipulations would automatically cancel the privilege of dump collection in town.

The Recycling Committee is still in existence and reports that 10 tons of glass were taken to the reclamation center in Dayville, Conn., and 2 tons of cans to Salem, Mass., to be recycled and used in reinforcement bars. The price of paper dropped considerably, but now is bringing fifty cents a 100 lbs. Paper is being collected and sold, the proceeds being applied toward the fund for additional playground equipment at the Elementary School. It is also interesting to note that all "white elephants" left over from the Labor Day Celebration were taken to "Project Help" in Milford, and all clothing taken to the Salvation Army in Manchester.

The land along the Piscataquog River from the Deering line to the New Boston line has been declared a flood prone area. This affects Francestown residents along the river edge. In order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, it is necessary to comply with regulations governing building construction in flood hazard areas. The Planning Board has adopted a building code which has been approved by the Town. Any proposals for new buildings, substantial alterations of existing structures, or new or replacement of water supply or sewerage systems must meet the requirements of this new building code to eliminate or minimize flood damage.

Repairs to Town property include the work of re-roofing the Town Hall, which has been completed, and necessary repainting of the interior, now in progress. To comply with Fire Safety Regulations, work of installing an exterior fire escape on the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library was started in November after necessary brick work was completed. Further work on window exit, doors, etc. is now in progress and hopefully the Historical Rooms located on the second floor of this building will be reopened this summer. Repairs to the sidewalks in front of the library were made, and necessary work done on the run-off drain to correct the condition of rain water and melting snow from collecting in front of this building.

Road work included the necessary repairs at the foot of the Mountain Road, partial work on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike beginning at the Third Town Cemetery and going as far as the bridge, completing the work on the Poor Farm Road and installing a so-called 25 year culvert at the Juniper Hill Bridge.

In May Postmaster Robert C. Cutter announced the appointment of Carol C. Gibbons as clerk and of Elizabeth Hubbell as substitute rural carrier.

On September 12th Bob Cutter retired after nearly 40 years, first serving as rural mail carrier and more recently as Postmaster. On Sunday, October 12th, more than 300 guests gathered in the Town Hall to honor Bob for his many years of service to the people of the Town.

In time for Labor Day events, the Community Church was repainted with red doors and sash, and the much-missed weathervane replaced.

The 59th Annual Labor Day Celebration, under the auspices of the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society, had as its parade theme, "Bicentennial Reflections." With the entire town working, the proceeds realized were even greater than last year. At the Annual Meeting of the Society in October, the following expenditures were voted: \$2,000 toward the first phase of work suggested to be done to the Town Fire Station, namely wood clapboards in front and two sides, additional cornices over the doors, and removing antenna from roof to a tower behind the building. Realizing this work will cost more than the initial amount voted, it is hoped by the Society to get matching funds.

Also voted was to set aside \$1,000 toward the construction of a Skating Rink. Voted, too, to provide additional lights at the newer tennis courts to make it possible to use them in the evenings.

The Library Trustees were the recipients of \$138 realized from the Labor Day Raffle.

During the year 32 building permits were issued: 12 for additions, 20 for new residences.

The State Department of Resources and Economic De-

velopment reports the 1975 estimated population of Frances-town as 721 legal residents.

The voters check list as of December 21, 1975 showed 485 qualified voters.

To the best of my knowledge the following Francetown men were serving in the United States Military Service during 1975:

Captain Robert C. Lord

Sp/5 Charles McCarthy

Captain Herbert R. Vadney

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE DODGE, Town Historian

REPORT OF THE FRANCESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1975

A series of eight square dances, with Dudley Laufman, was held to continue our fund-raising activities, and we plan a series of five dances for next year. We thank Carol Prest, Zoe Richardson, and Avery Richardson very much for helping with the dances, and we are also grateful to all who contributed to the refreshment table.

As a note of interest, one dance was filmed for a segment of a documentary film which will probably be shown on one of the educational television stations — watch for it!

The Francestown Directory was published in the late Spring. This successful money-raising venture was the brain-child of Pat Place, and we owe her much for all the work she did on it; we have appreciated her as a member of the commission a very great deal.

We are grateful to Frances Prest for her help in collating the directories, and to the following people for helping to sell them: Shirley Davis, Clifford Lougee, Lois MacAdam, Connie Varnum, Dottie Miller, June O'Mahoney, and Ingeborg Anderson at the Library — where they continue to be available for purchase at the cost of one dollar.

With the proceeds from the Dances and the Directory, we reached our goal of \$4,000 to cover the cost of the Soil Survey of the Town. The field work has already been completed and the interpretive maps and reports will be forthcoming. The survey will be of value in planning the wise use of the land and preserving the natural resources of Francestown.

Our next project is to start a land acquisition fund.

Early in the year, we met with the Planning Board to discuss the possible development of a plan relative to the Town's resources and future growth.

Carol Prest was in charge of a program at the Firehouse on April 3rd, at which John Arnold, our Representative to the General Court, discussed current legislation and an-

swered questions from his Francestown constituents. We provided informational material such as "How a Bill Becomes Law," published by the League of Women Voters.

We made available at the Library the Friday Letter, the weekly information sheet on current environmental legislation put out by the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests; and the Legislative Status Sheet from the Environmental Coalition of which the Commission is a supporting member.

The Commission was represented at a two-day exhibition, April 18-19, sponsored by the Nashua Conservation Commission at the Nashua Mall.

April 26th was the date of the Annual Roadside Cleanup. Again, many people of all ages turned out to help and our "thank-yous" go to all. Perhaps if we all worked for RECYCLING, we could travel the roads without having to clean them up.

The Boy Scouts completed their project in the Town Forest of pruning and weeding. A first trail has been laid out for all to enjoy, and a temporary sign has been erected at the entrance.

We continue to sponsor the Cub Scouts of Francestown.

In March, we welcomed Eleanor Kiblin as the newly appointed member of the Commission.

The Conservation Commission meets on the third Monday of each month at the Library at 7:30 p.m., and the meetings are open to all.

PRISCILLA KUNHARDT, '76, Chairman, Treasurer

DONOUGH PRINCE, '76

LIESEL GILMAN, '77, Secretary

FRANKLIN MACE, '77

ASHLEY PREST, '77

ELEANOR KIBLIN, '78

JAMES O'MAHONEY, '78

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Planning Board met twice each month when there was business to be transacted.

Public hearings were held and approvals were given for eleven sub-divisions — the dividing of a plot of land into segments of two acres or more.

The Planning Board took the initiative in holding hearings on an ordinance relating to building within the special flood hazard area designated by the Federal Ins. Admin. The ordinance was adopted in due course at the 1975 Town Meeting when the P.B. was also charged with site planning review of non-residential construction.

H. B. Hardwick was appointed a new member to replace John Schott, who was elected Selectman. In its reorganization meeting Robert Cloutier was unanimously elected Chairman to replace Phillip Ireland, who had served in that capacity for three years.

Public hearings were held on two scenic roads scheduled for improvement: Second N.H. Turnpike and a segment of Poor Farm Road. Both involved removal of trees and stones.

In its watchdog function, the Board concerned itself with violations of ordinances; these involved recreational areas and farm animals in the Village Zone.

At the close of 1975 the P.B. proposed an ordinance governing the quarrying of gravel, etc., which will be voted on by ballot at the 1976 Town Meeting.

ROBERT CLOUTIER, Chairman
BLAKE TEWKSBURY, Secretary
ROYAL S. CLEAVES
ERNEST POOR
PHILLIP IRELAND
FRANKLIN MACE
H. B. HARWICK

REPORT OF WASTE DISPOSAL STUDY COMMITTEE

The 1975 Town Meeting did not take any action on several articles relative to closing the Town dump, converting the dump to a collection area and contracting to have the trash removed to the Bennington-Antrim-Francestown landfill site because the State had extended the "no burning edict" to July 1st, 1976.

At present, commercial establishments and carriers are authorized and instructed to use the Bennington facility for which the Town is already contractually obligated to pay its portion of the yearly maintenance cost; however, the Town is saving the annual cost of hauling household trash to the landfill site.

The State has again provided towns having a population of less than 2500 with an extension to July 1st, 1977 upon approval by the N.H. Air Pollution Control Commission. Indications are that the Town will qualify for the extension, thus saving as much as \$6,000 yearly. If permission from the Air Control Commission is not forthcoming, we recommend that Articles No. 8, No. 9 and No. 10 in 1975 Town Warrant be re-inserted in the 1976 warrant pursuant to the recommendations contained in our report. (See report of the Waste Disposal Study Committee, 1974 Town Reports.)

Several bids from waste removal contractors and exterminators should have been received by your office by Town Meeting time.

The aforementioned Articles No. 8 and No. 9 represent the estimated yearly cost; if funding is required from July 1st, 1976 through Dec. 31st, 1976, the amounts should be halved.

In the absence of an extension being granted the recommendations to be found in our 1975 report remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

Waste Disposal Study Committee

LEIGHTON BICKNELL

ROBERT H. CLOUTIER

CHARLES BRIEN

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residence of each at time of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>	<i>Birthplace of Parents</i>	<i>Name and Residence of Person By Whom Married</i>
Jan. 24 Francestown	Kenneth Allen Hardwick	Francestown	Massachusetts	Harry B. Hardwick Eula Abbott	New Hampshire	Rev. James L. Haddick Pastor Temple
May 3 Francestown	Donna Lee Burnside	Francestown	Maryland	Donald F. Burnside	Rhode Island	
	Wesley Warren Pratt	Jaffrey	Massachusetts	Lucy Spencer	Massachusetts	Rev. Emily B. Preston Minister Jaffrey
	Ruth Alice Ireland	Francestown	Massachusetts	June Dadmun	Massachusetts	
June 20 Peterborough	Ernest Raymond Poor	Francestown	New Hampshire	Phineas J. Poor	New Hampshire	Henry H. Franklin Justice of the Peace Peterborough
	Lillian Marguerite Cutliffe	Arlington, MA	Massachusetts	Faye B. Budrow	Vermont	
July 12 Francestown	Bruce Lee Terrio	Cofftown	New Hampshire	Charles J. LeConti Laura E. Derby	Italy	
	Shelley Ann Dutton	Francestown	Massachusetts	Emma Burnbank Robert E. Terrio	Massachusetts	Rev. Richard A. Day Clergyman Peterborough
July 26 Francestown	Charles Franklin Easterly	Francestown	Massachusetts	Ruth E. Church	New Hampshire	
	Abigail Adair Ober	Francestown	Massachusetts	Nelson A. Dutton	New Hampshire	Charles F. Crathern Justice of the Peace Mason
Dec. 20 Francestown	Andrew Norman Weston	Francestown	Connecticut	Charles F. Easterly Gertrude Devlin	New York	
	Clare Joan Harris	Francestown	New Hampshire	Nathaniel Ober	Massachusetts	Richard D. Delay Justice of the Peace Bennington
Dec. 24 Francestown	George Walter Morgan	Francestown	Massachusetts	Patricia Stride	Vermont	
	Nancy Lee Landry	Bennington	New Hampshire	William H. Weston Jennie M. Boyd	Massachusetts	R. Franklin Mace Justice of the Peace Francestown

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Franchestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>	<i>Residence of Parents</i>
Apr. 24	Peterborough	Paul Chadwick Cota, Jr.	Paul Chadwick Cota, Sr.	Sally Ann L'Heureux	Franchestown
June 17	Peterborough	Kara Elizabeth McNeil	William Francis McNeil	Patricia Ann Shutter	Franchestown
June 17	Peterborough	Douglas Harry Putnam	James Douglas Putnam	Betty Lou Hart	Franchestown
June 17	Peterborough	Matthew Bryan Wasserfoos	Charles Joseph Wasserfoos	Jane Frances Bryan	Franchestown
July 20	Peterborough	Abel Thomas Bournival	Thomas Ferdinand Bournival	Crystal Elizabeth Farrow	Franchestown
July 19	Peterborough	Carla Elizabeth Laurence	Charles Edward Laurence	Linda Lou Regan	Franchestown
Aug. 6	Peterborough	Bryant Abbott Hardwick	Harry Bartlett Hardwick	Marie Marcoux Davis	Franchestown
Aug. 12	Peterborough	Shawna Maria Henderson	Richard Bruce Henderson	Elizabeth Rose Burbank	Franchestown
Sept. 20	Manchester	Alfred Edgar Philbrick	Clayton Orson Philbrick III	Dorothy Norma Perkins	Franchestown
Oct. 26	Peterborough	Jessica Kate Towlen	Ellsworth Edward Towlen	Linda Jane Strobridge	Franchestown
Nov. 11	Concord	Gabriel Browne	Philip Lyndon Browne	Lynn Susan Richards	Franchestown
Nov. 27	Peterborough	Kelly Lynn Cilley	George Carl Cilley	Betty Jane Martin	Franchestown

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HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Franchestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name and Surname of the Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 24	Franchestown	James W. Ireland	72	Massachusetts	William Ireland	Ada Whitcomb
Mar. 29	Goffstown	Nathan R. Smith	66	New Hampshire	Chester W. Smith	Audie S. Smith
May 20	Franchestown	Edgar A. Morin	72	New Brunswick, Canada	Joseph Morin	Alice Bellefleur
June 9	Franchestown	Merle Bedell Jones, Sr.	73	New Hampshire	Fred Jones	Abbie Wright
Nov. 7	Greenfield	Gladys C. Yamey	73	New Hampshire	Mark B. Chaneller	Eva Smith
Dec. 17	Franchestown	Grace Maude Ellsworth	82	New Hampshire	Edward Stevens	Lillian Osborne

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